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1. PIR-6390, attached to reference and being returned to you herewith, adds but little to our knowledge of the topic. Para 3, Karl HASS, is (according to ☐ a source of CIC Gmunden. A former SS Major, in SD Rome and later Parma, his current main activity in Italy is contact with German circles there and with German and Italian neo-fascist circles. He is under the limited protection of, and known to, the Italian Police (Office of Classified Matters, Dr. RAFFETTA). Extensive information on his past and present activities, especially for CIC, is available in the USFA files. HASS is not an agent of TIB. The other HASSES (Alessandro HASS HASSO and HASS and Friedrich Hans HASS) are likewise unknown and probably unrelated to us.
2. The PIR did prompt us, however, to dig in ☐ old pencilled notes, and we have pieced together a roster of Germans in Italy, which is attached to this report. (The source, in many instances, is the Karl HASS mentioned above.) We call your attention to the paragraphs on OFFSPRING: OTTO FRIEDRICH, HENRICH SCHMIDT (plus its mention of Giovanni von GELLEN) and THOMAS ROBERTSON. Rome station might also be interested in the suggestion of FRIEDRICH's good contacts with Waldemar GERSCHOW.

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1. BAUER, (fnu) Rome, office Via dell Mercede Ufficio Stampa Estera; home, Via Panaro 14 II int. 11, telephone 890126. A journalist who during the war worked in Rome with the SD (Amt VI). He is now a reporter for the Austrian Press Agency (APA) in Rome.

2. BURNAPPI, (fnu) A lawyer who is a known collaborator of Dr GLAESER (see 10, below). Believed to be an Italian and a member of the Italian Communist Party.

3. DIEFFENTHAL, Joseph, former SS Major. Informed source that he had been sentenced to death by an American Military Government Court in Germany for participating in the Malmady Massacre. He further stated that he had escaped from custody circa August 1949 while being transported from Landsberg to Hamburg, Germany. His escape was supposedly engineered by "friends" in the Schwarze Korps (neo-Nazi organization). In Rome he had received a money loan from the Swedish Ambassador, which was to be repaid by DIEFFENTHAL's uncle, Swedish Minister to Prague, GROENNER. At the present time, DIEFFENTHAL lives in Rome under the alias THOMAS, the name of his step-father, former SS General Max THOMAS, who was in command of the SIPO-SD in France and Belgium, 1940-41.

4. DOMITZLAFF, Dr. Buzante. Rome. Lawyer, during the war chief of the office III of SD, Rome. After his liberation from concentration camp he remained in Italy. He lives and works in a convent (not in hiding, but with his papers in order.)

5. DUPPE, (Mrs) Rome, Viale Giulio Cesare 25, telephone 33991. Her husband is a professor at the University of Berlin. During the war she worked with the Abwehr in Rome (in Navy intelligence and as secretary of the German Naval Attache.) At present she works for an Italian Intelligence service (CS or SIM?)

6. ENFERJUE, (Prof) Rome, Corso d'Italia 33. Surgeon. During the war, SS Major (medical) in Trieste. Ex-Austrian citizen. (In contact with GRILL, see 11, and SCHENZEL, see 24).

7. FRIEDE, (fnu) <sup>Willg</sup> Rome. Telephone 830431. Ex-colonel of the Wehrmacht (Abwehr?). After 1945 he lived in the College of the German Jesuits in Rome. They sent him away because there existed the suspicion that FRIEDE worked for the Russians. Then FRIEDE organized with SS-Colonel RAUFF the transport of German ex-officers from Germany, Austria and Italy to Syria. FRIEDE also intended to go to Syria but was not accepted because the Arabian friends of the Syrian recruiting officer in Germany had known that FRIEDE was politically "a bad element". FRIEDE works for the Italian Counter-Intelligence (Major PICCARDO).

8. FRIED, (Mrs.) Charlotte. Rome, Via Monserrata 54. Convinced Communist who collaborates with MARWITZ (see 17). She has good contacts with the Quastura and the Ministry of Internal Affairs. Communist elements (Germans sent by MARWITZ and Mrs. SCHMITT, see 25), receive the permesso de soggiorno through

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Mrs. FRIGO, and anti-communists are arrested with her aid. Her husband died in a German concentration camp; nevertheless, she collaborated with the 99th in Dalmatia during the German occupation. In 1948, she was secretary of the IAFRI (International Association of Foreign Refugees in Italy) of Fascist tendency.

9. <sup>William</sup> GERSCHKOW, fda. Rome. Ex-member of the Wehrmacht (Abwehr?). He has very much money. His wife is a Frenchwoman. GERSCHKOW has good contacts with FRIEDE (see 7).

10. <sup>Gustav</sup> GLAESER, Dr. fnu. Rome, Vicolo della Pace 16. In 1943, worked in the SD, Rome, office III, under DOMITZLAFF (see 4). He is a journalist, reporter for the Polish agency PAP. He also works for the Cominform, and is a correspondent of TASS. GLAESER, half-Jewish, comes from Vienna. He is in contact with LIFEAU (see 16). GLAESER is considered a specialist on articles against the Vatican. Some time ago, he was sentenced to prison by an Italian court for blackmail. While he was in prison, he sent a letter to Bishop RUFFINI, declaring, "If you do not help me now, I shall tell many things about you and your activities to the Russians the moment they arrive here." On one occasion GLAESER gave one of his agents the following ESIs, and offered to pay several hundred thousand lire for the answers:

a. Which of the more important German personalities go to Syria? Ex-Wehrmacht. SS. Engineers? What economic circles do they frequent? What are their living conditions?

b. Who are already in Syria? Who returns? Why do they return?

c. What Nazi organizations exist in Northern Italy?

d. Which circles help the Germans who are now in Italy? Where are the Germans mostly concentrated?

e. Which emigration institutions are especially partial to Germans? What activity is the Croat (DRAGANOVIC) engaged in?

f. Which clerical institutions help?

g. What leading Nazis reside in Rome? Where do they live? On what do they live?

11. \*GREIL, Peter. Former SS General and Police Chief of Udine. Austrian, but cannot return to Austria since he is wanted there. GREIL is an artist and lives by selling his paintings.

<sup>ROMSI - SS-Gr.</sup>

12. ROMSI (real name: AURA TANARI). During the war he was an officer in the German Army. <sup>Syrian origin</sup>

13. \*KUEPERS, Dr. Wilhelm. During the war in the staff of General ROMMEL in Africa and Italy. After his liberation from concentration camp Le Fraschelle he worked for the Italian Navy counter intelligence, and still works for them. Address, Rome, Via Veneto 96, where he works for the firm Utacum and for PERRETTI, telephone 470994. Private telephone, 421473.

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14. LAUTERBACHER, Hartmann. Rome, telephone 885472. Ex-Cauleiter of Ha over and deputy chief of Hitler Jugend. Works for the Italian OS (Major PICCARDO and Col de SARTIS, who gave him a Nansen passport in the name of BAUER.) Has contact with his brother Hans, and has contacts to elements working for the Russians, namely one German Volkspolizei Major WALHEIM or WALDHEIM. The latter has resided in Rome for the past few months, was formerly an instructor in the Volkspolizei, maintains frequent contact with his headquarters in Potsdam, and twice gave LAUTERBACHER large sums of United States currency.

15. INSEER, fnu. Former III SD, is at present in Rome, working as a correspondent of TASS. INSEER has been reported to the Italian Police as collaborator of the Italian Communist Party official publication L'Unita. He is also known to be in contact with Italian and foreign Cominform agents, including NISCHER (see 21).

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16. LIPKAU, E.G. Capri, Villa Monticello. In 1943, was a journalist at the German Embassy, Rome. Presently a journalist, working for the Cominform, and said to be chief of a Cominform net-work. He appears to have a great deal of money which he spends lavishly. From time to time, he receives German members of his net at his Capri home. Italian intelligence is positive that he received several Soviet Russians who came directly from Russia and left immediately after an interview with him. During the war he held the rank of captain in the Wehrmacht. He has a brother who went to Syria some time ago with an International Red Cross passport, and LIPKAU himself is reportedly preparing to make an extended visit to Syria in the near future.

17. HAERITZ, Peter von der. Rom, telephone 790186 (office) and 790193 (home). He is chief of a Cominform network in Italy. During the war, HAERITZ was an Abwehr officer, radio expert.

18. MESSERSCHMIDT, (Dr.) Rome, journalist. During the war he worked for the SD (VI) in Rome and for the SD headquarters in Berlin (VI), section "Vatican". MESSERSCHMIDT is now DEFA correspondent in Rome. He is also secretary of the German-Italian Chamber of Commerce in Rome. He is also supposed to work for a British intelligence service, and to be in contact with the German von GEMLEN, Rome, a British agent.

19. MICHALEK, fnu. Rome, Via Aurelia. A journalist. During the war he was a member of the Wehrmacht, from which he deserted and for which he was sentenced to death by the German military authorities. He has contacts to GLASSER (see 10) and LIPKAU (see 16).

20. MOELLHAUSEN, Friedrich. Rome. Born 29 June 1913, with a German father and a French mother. Formerly consul at the German Embassy, Rome, and when the German Embassy went to Northern Italy in September 1943, MOELLHAUSEN practically made the German policy in Italy. He worked and works for the British Intelligence Service.

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21. WINGLER, Rolf. Former SS officer, is believed to be working in Italy for (former SS General) Felix STUBER. WINGLER has an International Red Cross passport and has a sojourn permit issued by the Rome Questura. It is believed that WINGLER clandestinely brought several Germans into Italy for STUBER, and that he is in contact with former Colonel SCHNETZ in the Bolzano area. WINGLER reportedly is employed in a little known import-export company located at Via Quattro Fontane 21a, Rome. He makes more or less frequent visits to STUBER in Munich. He spends money lavishly.

22. FIATIZ, Giovanni d. Rome, Via Monfalcone 3, telephone 865133 and 485331. Abwehr officer during the war in Italy. Wife was interpreter for Admirals CANARIS and WAGNER. A "very strange person" and believed to be working for the Italian CS and perhaps also for the British Intelligence.

23. RUEHLE-FECHT, Inu. Rome. Journalist. The Italian counter intelligence (Major PICCARDO) is much interested in his activity. He is brother of the (Dr.) Gerhard RUEHLE, who worked for the Deuxieme Bureau and who died near Innsbruck in July 1949. RUEHLE-FECHT lives in Rome without a sojourn permit and cannot write for the papers under his own name but through a certain SCHILLER, a deserter from the Wehrmacht and in the last months of the war a communist partisan.

24. SCHENKEL, Fritz. Rome, Via Vittoria. Ex-SS, worked in Trieste and Udine under General GRILL (see 11). After the war was chauffeur of Monsignor CIPFICO, Rome, until the latter's arrest. Has founded in Rome, together with a Munich friend, a "Deutsch-Italienische Handels-Gesellschaft". A good element, but not very intelligent.

25. SCHMITT, Mrs. Rome, Via Monte Cattini 5. Owns a boarding house. Her son is a member of the Italian Communist Party. Mrs. SCHMITT is in contact with von MARWITZ. Germans who escape from Germany and live in Rome without documentation stay at Mrs. SCHMITT's. The Communists among those guests receive aid from von MARWITZ, the others are denounced to the Italian police and arrested.

26. SPRACHWITZ, von. Lives in Cannicce, Livorno Province, Lattoria Orsini. He is back in Italy from Syria where he went with other former German officers. He was an SS officer, known as the "Black SPRACHWITZ", and a General who fought on the Stalingrad front. He now administers the farm of Prince Orsini near Livorno.

27. STAKOHL, Inu. Rome, Via XX Settembre, firm Kargus. During the war he worked in SD Rome (office IV) and later at SD Verona. Owns an export-import firm.

28. STOCK, Mrs. Dr. Inu. Rome, Via Santa Catarina da Siena 46. Mrs. STOCK represents herself as a dentist; her husband, formerly a German journalist, remained in Rome after the German troops retreated to northern Italy. During the last few years a group of Germans residing in Rome have been meeting about twice a month at Mrs. STOCK's home, among them a Frau FIEDLER, a sculptor and artist; Frau MARSTALLER, a journalist who remained in Rome after the German

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retreat, and whose wife is employed by the International Red Cross in Via Giorgiana 29 under the name of ~~Madame KATHERINE KATHOR-MONCE~~ an author. All involved are allegedly pro-Communist, but the reasons for the meetings or what is discussed is unknown.

29. ~~THUN-HOENSTEIN~~, (Count) Ferdinando. Rome, Palazzo di Malta, Via Condotti 68. Ball Gran Croce di Giustizia del Sovrano Militare Ordine di Malta. He is a member of the Abwehr family THUN (Major Count THUN, Abwehr in Italy, and his brother Captain THUN, Abwehr chief of Milan). THUN-HOENSTEIN himself was also an important member of the Abwehr organization in Italy. He is a friend of Admiral STONE.

30. ~~WALDENH~~, (Major). See LAUTERBACHER, para 14.

31. ~~WARBERG~~, ~~fm~~. The Italian International Police Office ("Interpol") has recently received an official request from Spain to arrest ~~fm~~ WARBERG, a former Abwehr officer and member of an intelligence net composed of former Nazi officers. Subject and his wife left Madrid for Rome in August 1949 with a Spanish passport and an airplane ticket to Rome and Athens, Greece. After a few days in Rome, Subject departed for Greece. Approximately one month later, Subject returned to Rome and informed some of his contacts that he was a member of an international clandestine organization composed of former German officers with headquarters in Madrid, Spain. He further stated that he had been sent by his organization to contact former Nazi officers in Italy, Germany, Sweden and Turkey. While still in Rome, Subject reportedly received a large sum of money from a Swiss "friend". Subject's next destination was Turkey but Turkish authorities had refused to grant him a visa. Through the cooperation of a high ranking Italian Air Intelligence officer Subject obtained a visa for Egypt and informed his Rome contacts that he would try to enter Turkey from some country in the Middle East. Two days after Subject had departed for Egypt a Spanish ~~for~~ for the arrest of WARBERG arrived in Rome. In the arrest warrant it was ~~ed~~ that Subject had collaborated for some time with the Spanish Intelligence vice but now was suspected of being a Cominform agent. Subject's present location is not known to the Italian Police authorities.

32. ~~KUNSTENBERG~~, (Konsignore). He is an important personality in the Vatican (representing German interests there). During the war he worked with the SD, Rome (office VI).

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